

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A printing device comprising:

a medium conveyance section movable reciprocatingly in  
a linear direction, on which a workpiece can be set in  
5 position;

a fixed side structure which supports said medium  
conveyance section and has a space formed therein for  
accommodating said medium conveyance section; and

a head, provided on said fixed side structure, for  
10 forming images on said workpiece;

wherein said medium conveyance section is positioned  
so as to be contained within the length of said fixed side  
structure in the direction of movement of said medium  
conveyance section, when the power supply to the device is  
15 in an off state;

said medium conveyance section is positioned so as to  
project partially to one side from the length of said fixed  
side structure in the direction of movement of said medium  
conveyance section, when workpiece is set in position on,  
20 or removed from, said medium conveyance section; and

during a printing operation onto the workpiece, said  
medium conveyance section is controlled so as to move from  
a position where it projects partially to one side from the  
length of the fixed side structure in the direction of  
25 movement of said medium conveyance section, to a position  
where it projects partially to the other side, and then

return again to the position where it projects partially to said one side.

2. A printing device comprising:

5 a medium conveyance section movable reciprocatingly in a linear direction, on which a workpiece can be set in position;

a fixed side structure which supports said medium conveyance section and has a space formed therein for  
10 accommodating said medium conveyance section; and

a head, provided on said fixed side structure, for forming images on said workpiece;

wherein said medium conveyance section is positioned so as to be contained within the length of said fixed side  
15 structure in the direction of movement of said medium conveyance section, when the power supply to the device is in an off state;

said medium conveyance section is positioned so as to project partially to one side from the length of said fixed  
20 side structure in the direction of movement of said medium conveyance section, when workpiece is set in position on, or removed from, said medium conveyance section; and

during a printing operation onto the workpiece, said medium conveyance section is controlled so as to move from  
25 a position where it projects partially to one side from the length of the fixed side structure in the direction of

movement of said medium conveyance section, towards the other side until the center of gravity thereof passes the center of gravity of said fixed side structure, and then return again to the position where it projects partially to  
5 said one side from the length of said fixed side structure.

3. The printing device according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said fixed side structure has a cutaway section for causing said medium conveyance section to be  
10 exposed, in the edge on the side to which said medium conveyance section projects when said workpiece is set in position on, or removed from, said medium conveyance section.

15 4. The printing device according to claim 1, further comprising a cover for covering said medium conveyance section when it is in a partially projecting state from said fixed side structure, said cover being provided detachably with respect to the fixed side  
20 structure.

5. The printing device according to claim 3, further comprising a cover for covering said medium conveyance section when it is in a partially projecting  
25 state from said fixed side structure, said cover being

provided detachably with respect to the fixed side structure.